AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 cancelled.

13.(New) A photographic one-part bleach-fix liquid concentrate comprising:

a) a bleaching agent comprising iron (III) complex salt,

b) a thiosulphate fixing agent, and

c) a source of phosphate ions present in an amount sufficient to inhibit crystal formation and in an amount sufficient to form a storage stable one-part bleach-fix liquid concentrate suitable for dilution to a working strength solution, said concentrate having a pH value of between 4 and 9.

14. (New) The concentrate of claim 13, wherein said source of phosphate ions is an inorganic phosphate.

15. (New) The concentrate of claim 14, wherein said source of phosphate ions is phosphoric acid.

16. (New) The concentrate of claim 14, wherein said source of phosphate ions is a phosphate salt.

17. (New) The concentrate of claim 16, wherein said phosphate salt is a member selected from the group consisting of trisodium phosphate, disodium hydrogen phosphate, sodium dihydrogen phosphate, tripotassium phosphate, dipotassium hydrogen phosphate, potassium dihydrogen phosphate, triammonium phosphate, diammonium hydrogen phosphate and ammonium dihydrogen phosphate.

18. (New) The concentrate of claim 16, including a pH modifying substance.

19. (New) The concentrate of claim 18, wherein said pH modifying substance is a member selected from the group consisting of inorganic and organic acids.

20. (New) The concentrate of claim 19, wherein said inorganic acid is selected from the group consisting of phosphoric and sulfuric acids.

21. (New) The concentrate of claim 19 wherein said organic acid is maleic acid.

22. (New) The concentrate of claim 13, wherein said iron (III) compound is selected from the group consisting of iron (III) salts and iron (III) complexes of aminopolycarboxylic acid.

23. (New) The concentrate of claim 22, wherein said iron (III) aminopolycarboxylic complex is ferric ammonium EDTA.

24. (New) The concentrate of claim 13, wherein said thiosulfate salt is ammonium thiosulfate.

25. (New) The concentrate of claim 13, including an alkaline agent selected from the group consisting of ammonium, potassium and sodium hydroxides.

26. (New) The concentrate of claim 13, including a preservative.

27. (New) The concentrate of claim 13, comprising from about 1 to about 35 percent wt/wt of said bleaching agent, from about 10 to about 55 percent wt/wt of said fixing agent, and from about 0.5 to about 8 percent wt/wt of said source of phosphate ions.

28. (New) A one-part bleach-fix liquid concentrate comprising:

a) a ferric carboxylic acid complex bleaching agent,

b) a thiosulfate fixing agent, and

c) a source of phosphate ions present in an amount sufficient to inhibit crystal formation and to form a storage stable one-part bleach-fix liquid concentrate suitable for dilution to a working strength solution, said concentrate having a pH value of between 5 and 6.5.

29. (New) A method for stabilizing a one-part bleach-fix liquid concentrate comprising:

a) a bleaching agent comprising iron (III) complex salt,

b) a thiosulfate fixing agent, and

c) a source of phosphate ions present in an amount sufficient to inhibit crystal formation and to form a storage stable one-part bleach-fix liquid concentrate suitable for dilution to a working strength solution,

which method comprises the steps of introducing a source of phosphate ions into said concentrate in an amount sufficient to inhibit crystal formation, and maintaining said concentrate at a pH value of between 4 and 9.

30. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein said source of phosphate ions is an inorganic phosphate.

31. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein said inorganic phosphate is phosphoric acid.

32. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein said inorganic phosphate is a phosphate salt.

33. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein said phosphate salt is a member selected from the group consisting of trisodium phosphate, disodium hydrogen phosphate, sodium

dihydrogen phosphate, tripotassium phosphate, dipotassium hydrogen phosphate, potassium dihydrogen phosphate, triammonium phosphate, diammonium hydrogen phosphate and ammonium dihydrogen phosphate.

34. (New) The method of claim 32, including a pH modifying substance.

35. (New) The method of claim 34, wherein said pH modifying substance is selected from the group consisting of inorganic and organic acids.

36. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein said inorganic acid is selected from the group consisting of phosphoric and sulfuric acids.

37. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein said organic acid is maleic acid.

38. (New) A photographic processing kit comprising a one-part bleach fix concentrate, said concentrate comprising:

a) a bleaching agent comprising iron (III) complex salt,

b) a thiosulfate fixing agent, and

c) a source of phosphate ions present in an amount sufficient to inhibit crystal formation and to form a storage stable one-part bleach fix liquid concentrate suitable for dilution to a working strength solution, said concentrate having a pH value of between about 4 and about 7.

39. (New) The photographic processing kit of claim 38, including containers of developer and stabilizer.